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PEACHTREE ROAD PROJECT DESIGN FINALIZED

ATLANTA—As a result of updated traffic volumes and public input received following the last public information open house in October 2015, the scope of the Peachtree Road (SR 9/US 19) project (ID #0012870) has been modified. The project has been lengthened to the south by one intersection and the proposed lane configuration has been revised to provide three travel lanes in the southbound direction throughout the length of the project. As previously announced, based on public input, bike lanes are not included.

“Georgia DOT is proud to have partnered with the community, local businesses and the City of Atlanta to develop a plan that enhances safety, provides operational efficiency and improves traffic flow along the Peachtree corridor, a crucial connection between Midtown Atlanta and Buckhead,” said State Traffic Engineer Andrew Heath.

Previously, restriping was proposed from Deering Road north to Pharr Road. This is now extended south to Buford Spring Connector. The project will convert one northbound travel lane into a continuous two-way left turn lane (TWLTL) between the intersection of Pharr Road and the southern on-ramp to Buford Spring Connector, a distance of 3 miles. The resulting configuration includes three 10-foot southbound lanes, a 10-foot continuous two-way left turn lane, and two 10-foot northbound lanes.

Along the entire project corridor, left turn bays will be added at signalized intersections. The proposed project will be completed in conjunction with street resurfacing and would comprise only pavement resurfacing and restriping the roadway. Once begun, work is expected to take about 12 months to complete.

Getting left-turning vehicles out of travel lanes offers significant safety and congestion reduction benefits. The two-way left turn lane is a low-cost safety strategy that is effective in reducing the frequency of rear-end crashes involving a turning vehicle. The TWLTL is also expected to result in less delay - about a 5% decrease in average travel time during the morning and evening driving peaks along Peachtree Road.

While evaluating public feedback and concerns, Georgia DOT worked in partnership with community neighborhoods and businesses to develop innovative ideas to improve traffic conditions as effectively as possible. Some of these groups include Ardmore Park neighborhood, Brookwood Hills neighborhood,

Cornerstone Development Partners, Piedmont Atlanta Hospital, Shepherd Center and The Brookwood Condominiums.

The Department invites stakeholders to send comments to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, by February 16, 2017.

[VISUAL BELOW AND ATTACHED SHOWS TYPICAL LANE LAYOUT]

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